

MINUTES
CABARRUS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2012

Supervisors Present: Jeff Goforth, Louis Suther, Vicky Porter and Ned Hudson

Staff Present: Dennis Testerman, Daniel McClellan and Amy Griffith

Others Present: Chris Childers, NRCS; Bill Richey, candidate for Soil and Water Board Supervisor; Kelly Sifford, Planning & Development Director; Dan Brandon and Mary Eash, NC Forest Service

(1) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Jeff Goforth at 5:16 p.m.

(2) Approval of Agenda

UPON MOTION of Ned Hudson, seconded by Louis Suther and unanimously carried, the board approved the agenda.

(3) Approval or Correction of Minutes

UPON MOTION of Vicky Porter, seconded by Ned Hudson and unanimously carried, the board approved the minutes of the September 4, 2012 regular meeting.

(4) Consent Agenda

UPON MOTION of Louis Suther, seconded by Vicky Porter and unanimously carried, the board approved the Consent Agenda.

(4-A) Staff/Partner Report

(4-B) Conservation Plans

(4-C) Application/Contracts/Requests for Payments - Conservation Cost-Share Programs

NC Agriculture Cost Share Program Contracts:

- Mitchell Hill, #13-13-03-16, Livestock Exclusion/Tank Well

- Rolling Hills, #13-12-09-16, \$10,500.00, mailed to the Division on 8/15/2012

- Larry Kluttz, #13-12-07-16, \$7,936.00, mailed to the Division on 9/11/2012

(4-D) Job Approval Authority for Daniel McClellan

(4-E) Approval of Re-Max Agent James Heath to Represent District as Buyer's Agent

(5) NC Forest Service Restructuring

Dan Brandon and Mary Eash presented an update on the NC Forest Service restructuring. The Newell area of Charlotte will be the central location of the NC Forest Service that serves Cabarrus County. The Concord office is closed effective today. Several board members asked questions regarding the restructuring.

(6) Unfinished Business

(6-A) Conservation Easement Priorities

Dennis Testerman and Daniel McClellan have been working on a ranking sheet for obtaining conservation easements, either bought or donated. There was a general discussion among staff and board members.

(6-B) National Association of Conservation Districts Meeting Attendee

A decision on a meeting attendee will be made at the November board meeting.

(6-C) County Ag. Development and Farmland Preservation Trust Letter

Vicky Porter stated Tommy Porter is willing to write the letter. The purpose of the letter is to suggest that Farm Bureau, the Cattleman's Association and the Grange write a letter to the County regarding the rollback taxes.

(7) New Business

(7-A) Quarterly Management Meeting Items

Jeff Goforth stated for board members to think about topics for the upcoming quarterly management meeting.

(7-B) Mogensen Mitigation Partnership Proposal

Dennis Testerman stated a site was looked at on Back Creek in Harrisburg. The mitigation banker has reviewed the site. The next step is to meet with the land owner.

(7-C) Glenn Peninger Conservation Easement

Dennis Testerman stated Mr. Peninger left a request that a conservation easement be put into place on his land off of Highway 49. The Land Trust for Central North Carolina voted to accept this

easement and requests that Cabarrus Soil & Water Conservation District be the primary holder of the easement.

(8) Reports/Information

(8-A) NC Soil & Water Conservation Commission

Vicky Porter stated the commission met during the Conservation Employees Training. She said she wanted to start having "travelling" commission meetings. The next meeting will be held in Craven County and she hopes the commission will visit Cabarrus County in the future.

(8-B) 1st Quarter Budget Report

Report was presented to board.

(9) Adjourn

UPON MOTION of Ned Hudson, seconded by Louis Suther and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Jeff Goforth, Chairman

Ned Hudson, Secretary-Treasurer